

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
MARCH 5, 1958

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, March 5, 1958; Councilmen Fuller, Katzakian, Mitchell, Robinson and Hughes (Mayor) present; none absent. City Manager Graves and City Attorney Mullen present.

On motion of Councilman Katzakian, Mitchell second, the minutes of February 19, 1958, were approved as written and mailed.

PLANNING COMMISSION

PARK SITES

The recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Recreation Commission for acquisition of park sites, which had been taken under advisement at the meeting of January 8, 1958, was brought up for action. The following sites were recommended as essential in the over-all development of a park program within the scope of the Master Plan:

1. The northwest corner of Hutchins and Vine Streets - five acres.
2. Immediately south of the Erma B. Reese School - five acres.

Ed DeBenedetti, Director of Recreation and Parks, pointed out that acquisition of 3.4 acres on the southeast corner of Lincoln Avenue and First Street had also been recommended, but the property has since been purchased by a subdivider. This site had formerly been considered the most important to acquire. He displayed several maps, showing the location and types of parks in existence and proposed, explaining that the sites requested would be used as passive park areas which are areas designed primarily for activities of individuals rather than groups. Mr. DeBenedetti mentioned that the size of the areas requested followed the Master Plan and, also, that the Plan advocated tot lots in conjunction with passive park areas rather than as separate units. He stated that it would be advisable to obtain the services of a landscape architect for the over-all planning of Lodi Lake Park before proceeding with further development of that area. Councilman Katzakian asked what the Commission thought about building a swimming pool. Mr. DeBenedetti, speaking for himself, replied that the City should consider the development of a pool in conjunction with the High School at the west Campus site. Such a project is in the discussion stage as far as the City and School Board are concerned. Councilman Fuller objected to using City funds to help build a pool on the High School site. Councilman Mitchell felt that another pool was desirable and that the Recreation Commission should work towards the procurement of a pool. Being questioned by Councilman Robinson as to which was more important, park sites or pool, Mr. DeBenedetti said that the park sites should have priority over a pool. Councilman Katzakian asked if regional parks, with all

types of facilities, had been considered. Mr. DeBenedetti stated that the new High School, the Festival Grounds, Lawrence Park, and Lodi Lake Park could be considered as regional parks. In addition, Micke Grove is in the Lodi area. Councilman Katzakian stated he was in favor of acquiring the park sites recommended. Mr. DeBenedetti introduced Recreation Commissioners Elmer Brown, Charles Verrege, Samuel D. Salas and David Reese. Councilman Robinson stated that he thought the Recreation Commission was attending the meeting to exchange views and discuss recreation problems in general with the Council; however, it was pointed out that the Commissioners were in attendance only in regard to the park sites recommended. Planning Director George Rodgers then presented two maps of the City, one showing its growth in size and population and the other showing the developed areas, and he explained them in relation to proposed and existing parks. Councilman Fuller, Katzakian second, moved that the recommendation of the Recreation Commission, as approved by the Planning Commission, to consider acquisition of five acres on the northwest corner of Hutchins and Vine Streets and five acres immediately south of the Reese School as park sites be approved. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Fuller moved that negotiations for purchasing both properties be started. The motion died for a lack of a second. Councilman Robinson moved that the City Manager enter into negotiations for the five acres on the northwest corner of Hutchins and Vine Streets or adjacent thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mitchell and carried unanimously. The City Manager expressed concern over the loss of the site at the southeast corner of Lincoln and First Streets, stating that the idea of a park in this general area should not be abandoned. The Recreation Director said that other locations in this area would be viewed. Commissioner Salas stated that if the Reese School site were let go too long, it would be lost. The City Manager assured Mr. Salas that a policy had been set in that the property was to be acquired at some future date, so if it became necessary, the property could be negotiated for. Mr. J.M. Burnett, representing the owners of the Goodman property on the Hutchins-Vine Street corner stated that the owners wished to sell the property, amounting to 18 acres, as a unit, although they had no desire to block progress of the City. Members of the Council expressed their appreciation for the work being done by the Commission.

METHODIST CHURCH  
ALLEY REQUEST  
DENIED

The City Manager submitted a report and recommendation from the City Planning Commission on the question of alleys in the area bounded by Lodi, Pleasant, Lockeford and Sacramento Streets. The report was submitted in connection with the request of the First Methodist Church for a one-way alley going west at the rear of the Church. According to the report, there is no congestion in these alleys at the present time, and the problem which might exist on Sunday mornings at the rear of the Methodist Church could be rectified with cooperation from Church members. The Planning Commission therefore recommended that no changes be made at

the present time in our alley system. Councilman Robinson moved, Fuller second, that the recommendation of the City Planning Commission be followed at the present time. Councilman Mitchell cast the only dissenting vote. The Planning Commission recommended that the property on the east side of Ham Lane between Lockeford and Elm Streets and the north side of Locust Street between Ham Lane and Sunset Avenue be rezoned from R-1 residential to R-2 residential. On motion of Councilman Katzakian, Robinson second, the Council set public hearing on this matter for March 19, 1958.

At its meeting of February 24, 1958, the Planning Commission took the following actions:

1. Approved a use permit for Mrs. E.L. Hepper to operate a rest home at 616 West Lodi Avenue in the C-1 commercial zone.
2. Approved a use permit for D.W. Davis to operate a machinery sales and service business at 1004 South Cherokee Lane in the C-2 commercial zone.
3. Denied a variance for Mrs. Peter Larson to erect an eight foot fence in the side and rear yards at 1025 South Orange Avenue in the R-1 residential zone.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

ABC LICENSE	Two applications for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses, On Sale Beer and Wine: One from Albert T. Bischof, Howard Rott and Thelma A. Weigand, 27 Club, 27 N. Sacramento Street; the other from Dave Harmon, Clinton Club, 5 East Elm Street.
MOVIES FEATHER RIVER PROJECT	Invitation from the Superintendent of Utilities to view a thirty-minute sound movie about the Feather River Project and Flood Control in the Council Chambers at 4 p.m., March 7, to be shown by Mr. Gilmore Thompson, Assistant to the Manager of the Feather River Project Association.
PLANNING ASSO. MEETING	Invitation from the San Joaquin Planning Association to attend their meeting in Vanteca on March 11, at 6:30 p.m.
LIBRARY SITE REQUESTED	Letter from the Lodi Public Library Board of Trustees requesting the Council to decide on a definite site for a new library building and recommending the selection of the Emerson School grounds. The Mayor stated that the Council was waiting for the Civic Center Report before making a decision on a site for the library and that right after receiving the report, they would like to have a meeting with the Library Board. Planning Director Rodgers assured the Council that the report would be completed shortly. The City Manager is to write a letter to the Library Board stating the Council will consider a site for the Library after receiving the Civic Center Report.

## REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

LOADING ZONE REESE SCHOOL  RES. NO. 2101 ADOPTED	The City Manager presented a recommendation from the Engineering Department that a request for an 180-foot passenger loading zone in front of the Erma B. Reese School be granted. On motion of Councilman Fuller, Mitchell second, the Council established the loading zone requested by adoption of Resolution No. 2101.
EMERSON SITE FOR LITTLE LEAGUE BALL PARK	The Recreation Department is requesting permission to use the Emerson School grounds for a Little League Ball Park until such time as the grounds are designated for other purposes. The facilities which are to be furnished by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, are to be temporary installations and would be moved by the Junior Chamber when it became necessary. Councilman Robinson moved that use of the Emerson site be given as a temporary use for a Little League Baseball Park and that when the site was no longer available, the City would not be obligated to furnish another location. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mitchell and carried unanimously.
ARRESTS BY CITATIONS  ORD. NO. 612 INTRODUCED	The City Manager read an ordinance recommended by the City Attorney and the Chief of Police which would authorize the police to make arrests upon citations, which procedure was authorized by State legislation in 1957. On motion of Councilman Katzakian, Robinson second, the Council introduced said ordinance as Ordinance No. 612.
CONCESSIONS AT SOFTBALL & BASEBALL PARKS	The City Manager reported that some need had been expressed for concessions at the baseball and softball parks and he recommended that the City advertise for bids. No construction would be required to take care of such concessions; the successful bidder would have to use available facilities. Councilman Katzakian moved, Mitchell second, that the City advertise for bids for concessions at the softball and baseball parks. Motion carried.
AWARD SECONDARY CLARIFIER  RES. NO. 2102 ADOPTED	The City Manager presented the tabulation of bids on the secondary clarifier to be installed at the Sewage Disposal Plant. The low bidder was G.R. Dickhoff & Sons of Lodi at \$53,073.00. The City Manager stated this would not be the entire cost of the project as some work would have to be done by City crews. On motion of Councilman Katzakian, Mitchell second, the Council adopted, Resolution No. 2102 awarding the contract for construction of a secondary clarifier to G.R. Dickhoff & Sons for \$53,073.00.
TRAFFIC SIGNALS LOCKEFORD AT 99 HIWAY	The City Manager stated that a letter had been received by the Director of Public Works from the State Division of Highways regarding traffic signals which were to be installed at Lockeford Street at 99 Highway in connection with construction of the Bypass. The State would only need temporary signals, but if the City desires to have permanent signals, the State would be willing to share the costs with the City by paying for half of the installation. The City Manager recommended that permanent signals be installed jointly with the State. The Council authorized the Director of Public Works to negotiate with the State for joint installation of permanent traffic signals at Lockeford Street and 99 Highway on motion of Councilman Mitchell, Fuller second.